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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 996
INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PROG, WA, GB
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: WESTERN FIVE APPROACH TO PRESIDENT OF OAU

REF: USUN 1782, STATE 114305

1. THE THREE RESIDENT MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP (FRANCE, FRG, AND US) WERE FINALLY ABLE SECURE APPOINTMENT WITH BONGO MORNING MAY 9. WE DECIDED GO AHEAD WITH APPOINTMENT EVEN THOUGH TALKING POINTS HAVE IN PART BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, ON THEORY THAT FACT OF CONSULTATION WAS OF IMPORTANCE OF ITSELF AND WE COULD QUALIFY TALKING POINTS IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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2. FRENCH CHARGE, SPEAKING FOR GROUP, FAITHFULLY MADE POINTS PARA 3 USUN 1782, NOTING THAT SWAPO'S AND SOUTH AFRICA'S RECENT ACTIONS HAD CHANGED SITUATION FOR MOMENT. CHARGE MADE CLEAR DEMARCHE WAS TO BONGO IN HIS CAPACITY AS OAU CHAIRMAN. BONGO WAS IN EXPANSIVE MOOD AND IMMEDIATELY TOLD US HOW MUCH HE APPRECIATED EFFORTS OF FIVE TO RESOLVE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. HE

TOLD US HE HAD DEALT WITH PROBLEM AT PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON
MAY 8 AND GAVE US EACH COPY OF HIS REMARKS WHICH WE REPORTING
SEPTTEL.

3. BONGO HIMSELF ALLUDED TO WALVIS BAY AND FRENCH CHARGE
THEN TOOK OCCASION TO PRESENT TALKING POINT ON SUBJECT
PARA 3 USUN REFTTEL. AMBASSADOR SUPPORTED STATEMENT PER PARA 1
STATE REFTTEL. BONGO WAS PLEASED TO HEAR IT (FRG CHARGE WAS
UNINSTRUCTED) AND TOLD US THAT IF AND WHEN THAT POSITION BECOMES
PUBLIC, HE WILL MAKE KNOWN HIS SUPPORT OF IT TO OTHER OAU
CHIEFS OF STATE.

4. BONGO SAID HE REGRETTEDE DEVELOPMENTS RE SWAPO IN NEW YORK BUT
HOPED FIVE WOULD NONETHELESS CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS. HE THEN
WENT OVER FAMILIAR GROUND BY NOTING THAT WHILE SWAPO WAS
CERTAINLY MOST IMPORTANT NAMBIAN GROUP AS RECOGNIZED BY OAU,
SETTLEMENT OF NAMBIAN PROBLEM MUST INVOLVE ALL OF NAMIBIAN
PEOPLE. TIENKEN

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